

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1965 – HB 1866

March 5, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Education to report annually to the House and Senate Education Committees the number of homeless children who enrolled in public school without immunization or proof of immunization and the average length of time required for these children to be immunized or to obtain their immunization records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

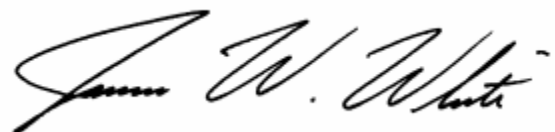
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health currently collects immunization records for all students in kindergarten and grade one.
- Any cost to LEAs to collect this data is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing resources.
- Any cost associated with making a report to the House and Senate Education Committees is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within the existing budget.
- T.C.A. 49-6-5001(c)(3) states that no homeless child shall be denied admission to any school if the child has not been immunized or is unable to produce immunization records due to being homeless.
- Schools must also comply with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act which states failure of a homeless child to be immunized or produce immunization records is not a barrier to prevent that child from enrolling in school.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director